

someone stealing their stuff because they need money. And you look at all those numbers. The Democrats are in their, what? Now, 15 months of control. Every single number. Income inequality, the poor getting poorer, misery, death, retirees getting poorer, the middle class getting poorer.

Great job, guys. Great job.

Tell me something you have done that hasn't increased misery in this country.

I know this is uncomfortable, but I am doing it on purpose. Sometimes the smartest thing is to just stop what you are doing. Take a breath. Maybe the ideology is a false ideology. Back up.

I am sorry the former President was into border security. But do you remember a decade and a half ago when it was the hallmark of Democrats that were concerned about illegal immigration?

Do you remember it was Republicans and Chambers of Commerce that wanted to flood the country with cheap labor?

Isn't it amazing what happened here?

It was only about 15 years ago that the left were the protectors of working men and women.

We will not flood the country with cheap labor.

We need our folks to be able to have a working wage.

Oh, we are going to open the border now because it is compassionate, and we are going to screw up everyone's life.

What happened?

When did the Democrats abandon the middle class, the working poor? Is it they weren't voting for them enough?

It is about the math. Now, we are moving beyond pounds, we are heading towards tonnage in the amounts of fentanyl coming through my State.

Let's put this in context.

You see this little picture right here, those few crystals there? That functionally is enough to kill you. So that is a penny. Those? That kills you.

When does this become terrorism? Because it is already functionally killing our children.

Does anyone care?

Now, we have got to go just a little bit further down the rabbit hole.

The border agents report over a thousand percent increase, and these are the ones in Texas. The argument I was given by our friends at Customs and Border Patrol is they are not catching much of it.

But it goes further. You have got to understand what has been happening in my community. This is just one of a dozen headlines when there is a bust and it is enough to functionally kill every single person in my State.

There was a bust the night before we did our fentanyl roundtable. There was enough to kill everyone in my county, and I have the third or fourth most populous county in the Nation.

Do you understand the scale? When you have the experts here saying, Well, David, you don't understand. Prices

have so crashed, a couple of years ago it would be several dollars a pill. Now it might be, at wholesale, 45 cents a pill. When it gets that cheap, you want to try to understand why it is in your elementary schools, your high schools, throughout your community, and the homeless campuses.

That is the cascade effect.

So I'm begging the majority to just take a breath for a moment, back away from the radicalized ideology and just take a breath and say, Do you actually love and care about people?

Will you accept the misery, the death, just the dystopian devastation that is happening in our communities right now because of an open-border policy? That is what it is.

And title 42 is not a solution. It is just trying to stop the catastrophe.

Sign the discharge petition. Prove that your rhetoric actually fits reality.

Or maybe the constituencies are now so gerrymandered and intellectually calcified that you can't tell the truth.

Another chart that absolutely proves we have turned, functionally, our legal apparatus to protect the Nation into, functionally, a transportation service, ICE. Immigration enforcement is, functionally, beyond the border in our communities. Those who got through, who were not stopped, it is up to law enforcement.

How do you catch someone and functionally remove them from the country?

You see where we were in 2019. And then you see where we were in 2020. And do you see the crash over here? These deportations?

Now, what is fascinating is this line way up here was actually even further up during the Obama administration.

Did the left basically just crash this because the last President was so hated by the left for protecting working men and women that if he said it is Black, you had to say White? You had to walk away from it?

We would be elated to get back to the actual law enforcement protection of the border numbers that were there during the Obama administration.

There is this weird irony, and I just show this so folks understand the bizarreness of Democrat management leadership of this government right now.

So illegal immigration goes up—well, it is not immigration, it is illegal captures at the border, presentations, those things—278 percent.

But legal, if the person had just got their Ph.D. in electrical engineering at ASU and they can't process the paperwork, legal immigration has crashed. So at the same time we get the complaints from businesses that they can't hire anyone, that we need talent to grow the economy.

As you saw the brilliance today, GDP actually fell pretty substantially in the last quarter. Yay, Democrats are doing a great job.

One of the factors of economic growth is when you bring in smart peo-

ple. Well, that has crashed but we are imparting massive numbers of poverty into the country. That is the left's version of compassion.

I accept that some of this presentation is a little bit on the aggressive, maybe slightly jerky side, but I don't have another way to basically say, Is this really the Democrats' vision of America?

Is this really how you think we are going to make poor people less poor, the working poor more prosperous, the middle class much more prosperous?

The thought experiment is very simple. Anyone out there, contact my office with something, give me a single thing in the last 15 months of absolute Democrat control of this Congress, this government, that the left has done that has turned out to actually be good for America, good for working people, good for poor people. You have made rich people a lot richer. Isn't that amazing?

Income inequality was shrinking dramatically in 2018, 2019, and the first quarter of 2020.

Pandemic; Democrats take over—boom. All the things they told us that they cared about basically have gone to crap. And the math is the math. But as you all know, we work in a math-free zone.

And maybe at some point we will tie our hearts, our compassion, to the actual facts. And when we do that, the really bad things that this Congress and this White House are doing to the American people will stop.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 270.—An act to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 29, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3838. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for fiscal year (FY) 2022 emergency supplemental funding for critical security and economic assistance to Ukraine, pursuant to Public